

SEED CERTIFICATION OFFICER

A Seed Certification Officer plays a critical role in ensuring the quality, safety, and compliance of seeds used in agriculture. Their mandate is typically defined by national or regional seed laws and regulations, and it focuses on the testing, inspection, sampling, and certification of seeds to ensure they meet legal and quality standards.

Mandate of a Seed Inspector:

- Regulatory Compliance
- Inspection of Seed Facilities
- Seed Sampling and Testing
- Label Verification
- Issuance of Certificates
- Enforcement and Penalties
- Advisory and Extension Role
- Record-Keeping and Reporting



CONTACT US

Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries & Mining
Plant Quarantine/Produce Inspection Branch
Research and Development Division
Bodles, Old Harbour, St. Catherine
CUG#: (876)341-6051 or (876)442-2211
Email address:
nursery.seedcertification@moa.gov.jm



SEED & NURSERY CERTIFICATION



Mandate of the Unit

The **Seed and Nursery Certification Unit** is the newest under the Plant Quarantine/ Produce Inspection Branch. The unit functions to implement a mandatory Seed and Nursery Certification Programme. It will offer certification and registration to all Nursery Plant Producers and distributor of certified seeds.

Crops covered under the Seed Certification Programme includes:

1. Avocado
2. Cocoa
3. Tumeric
4. Mango
5. Ginger
6. Citrus
7. Corn
8. Sorrel
9. Pepper
10. Pumpkin
11. Sweet potato
12. Irish Potato



Who needs to register?

The individuals or entities required to be registered under a **Seed and Nursery Certification Unit** typically include those involved in the production, processing, sale, or distribution of seeds and nursery plant materials. These persons or organizations must comply with regulatory standards to ensure quality, traceability, and legal operation.

- Plant Nursery Producers and Retailors
- Plant Breeders
- Seed dealers and distributors
- Seed Growers and Seed Processors

Registration and setting up of an account using Seed and Nursery Certification database.

Kindly visit the following site:
<http://scqs.moa.gov.jm/public/>

Things you will need to create the account:

- An active email address
- Password (Alphanumeric)
- ⇒ The password must consist of at least 8 characters including upper and lowercase letters along with a special character for example: \$,%\$,#
- ⇒ Password example: Seed23456%
- Good internet connection
- Phone, tablet, laptop etc.
- National Identification Card e.g. Passport, National ID, Driver's Licence.

Plant Nursery Inspector

A Plant Nursery Inspector is responsible for ensuring that plant nurseries operate in compliance with relevant agricultural, environmental, and health regulations. Their mandate typically includes the following responsibilities:

Mandate of a Plant Nursery Inspector:

- Inspection and Compliance
- Certification and Licensing
- Monitoring Plant Health
- Record-Keeping and Reporting
- Enforcement
- Education and Guidance

